

St GB
3/23/04
JRC



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
§ Steven S. Homer et al.

Serial No.: 09/818,284

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: COMPRESSED I/O CONNECTOR
LAYOUT WITH SHARED POST

§ Group Art Unit: 2182

§ Examiner: Mai, Rijue

MAR 08 2004

Technology Center 2100

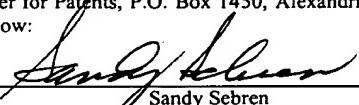
§ Atty. Docket: 200301944-1
§ COMP:0204/FLE/SWA

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date below:

March 1, 2004
Date


Sandy Sebren

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 30, 2003
AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER'S SUPERVISOR**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 30, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner's Supervisor in view of the Examiner's apparent misunderstanding of the cited reference and the present claims. The Applicants emphasize that the cited reference wholly lacks certain features recited in the present claims, yet the Examiner vaguely cited passages and referred to figures without any direct correlation to the present claims. Based on this lack of clarity and correlation to the claim features, the Applicants submit that the Examiner has not presented a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Instead, the Examiner's failure to address each of the claim features indicates that the present claims are patentable over the cited reference. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's Supervisor to review the cited reference and present claims carefully with the Examiner and contact the Applicants' representative to discuss the same. In addition, the Applicants concurrently filed a Notice of Appeal along with this Response to expedite allowance of the present application. In view of the foregoing and following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.